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Looks to me like they had fun at the meeting.



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Anti-drilling groups strike back with their own meeting in Azle

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Groups opposed to hydraulic fracturing are hosting their own meeting in the small North Texas city of Azle Monday night to [address concerns over links between fracking and the flurry of earthquakes](#) in the area, the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram* reported.

On Saturday afternoon, a 2.2-magnitude earthquake centered just three miles away shook-up the town, but caused no major damage. Since Nov. 1, 25 minor temblors have frightened the city of nearly 11,000 residents, cracked walls and ceilings and rattled livestock throughout the region.

This most recent tremor seems a fitting prelude to Monday's meeting, to be held 6:30 p.m. at the Azle Community Center, 404 W. Main St. Groups such as the Earthworks Oil & Gas Accountability Project and the North Central Texas Communities Alliance will make presentations, along with former Dish Mayor [Calvin Tillman](#).

The theme will be how to "force our 'regulators' to do their jobs and protect our property and communities," according to organizers, the *Star-Telegram* reported.

This meeting is in response to the Jan. 2 [town hall meeting hosted by Texas Railroad Commissioner David Porter](#), which drew 800 people to Azle High School. Residents gave first-hand accounts of the earthquakes but also demanded answers from commission officials and the industry representatives, who did not speak there.

Porter would not answer individual questions, cited the size of the crowd, which further incited already irritated residents. He did decide after the meeting that the commission would [hire a seismologist to examine the link](#) between earthquakes, fracking and disposal wells.

More than 400 votes have been cast so far in the *Dallas Business Journal's* [online poll question asking readers what they think is the cause of all the seismic activity](#) in North Texas.